WORK OF A TERRIBLE HURRICANE.

It Sweeps Over the City from the North With Hail-Stones as Big as Eggs-Thunder, Lightning, and a Flood of Water.

The severe storm which burst upon the city last evening surpassed in intensity, in violence and in mischief any that has ever before taken place in this part of the country. Without warning, the rain suddenly descended in immense volumes, and soon every street was a river. The sewers speedily became choked up, and through the various traps and manholes poured forth their surplus water, creating eddies and whirlpools that engulfed everything within their reach. Down came the rain in great sheets of water, drenching everybody and everything. The high wind, almost a hurricane, bore along the aqueous column with terrible velocity, tearing down trees, shivering windows, tearing awnings to ribbons, and sending the various decorations that had been put forth in honor of the scheutzen flying through the air. The play of the lightning was positively appalling, so vivid, so incessant, and so terrible in

EACH BLINDING FLASH

was followed by the heaviest thunders of Heaven's artiflery, and even amid the rolling thunder could be heard the crash of shivered trees, the falling bricks of overturned chimneys, the snap of sundered awnings, and the rattle of broken windows. The storm lasted about an hour, and to add to the ravages during the latter portion of its duration it hailed violently, many of the stones being as large as good-sized filberts. Much damage resulted from this It is supposed that the storm commenced about a mile above Georgetown and spent its entire force upon the District. The amount of damage which has been done cannot be definitely ascertained, but there is hardly a square which does not bear marks of the fury of the storm in unroofed houses, upturned trees, or broken windows. The total damage is variously estimated at from \$190,000 to \$200,000. The experiences of the storm

AT "THE REPUBLICAN" OFFICE were of a character to give the attaches of this valuable journal a realizing sense of its violence. At the first outburst the windows of the city editor's room were blown open, the glass smashed, the gas put out and the driving rain came pouring in, giving everything a free Mr. Rockman, on the south side of K, near Fourth bath. After frantically rushing to the win- street, was lifted up by the force of the hurricane, round until he found the stop-cock to the gas, so upon the partition-walls. again blew open, having been torn from the broad street. their fastenings by the violence of the There these two stood, each braced against a window, getting a free admission to the GLORIOUS HEAVENLY PIREWORKS

storm. The rain and hail pelted the tin roof of the brick work being carried away. the crash of two chimneys which fell, street, near Fourth street. better turn Sons-of Jonadab and take the water front of General Schenck's residence. poured in at the windows before the AUDURN-HAIRED MERCURY

could close them, and as he stood tugging for anything when you want to use it, the lighthim look like a Titian cherub. He was walls were thrown down. an awfully wet cherub before he was brough with it though. In order to thoroughly familiarize him with electricity he was set to working the telephone, and as he took hold of the were thrown down. receiver he received an electric shock which sent im about four feet nearer Heaven than he will ever get again unless he goes into a higher building. Below is a statement of the damage occasiened so far as could be ascertained last night: AT THE CITY HALL.

An attache of The Republican was in an F street car (No. 36) directly in front of the monument facing the City Hall when the storm struck that building. The tin roof was lifted from the structure, broke in two pieces, and, accompanied by boards and planks, was whirled into Louisiana avenue, one part landing in front and another in rear of the car. The occasional flashes of vivid lightning showed the car to be in a sea of mud, while the debris flying around, the pelting hail-stones, the terrified horse, frightened passengers, and heroic driver, who stood manfully by his animal, made a never-to-be-fortake the brunt of the pitiless storm, which blown down, drenched the passengers. All along the route after a start was effected trees and telegraph wires were found obstructing the track. When the the havor made upon the shade trees throughout junction of Ninth and F was reached a swollen the city. There was not a street but that one or CENTRAL PORTION OF THE CITY.

were blown off.

generally.

and E streets, in Mockabee's shoe store, corner | dent's grounds from the avenue was blown across Twelfth and F streets, and Wimer's engraving and | the roadway, blocking it up. printing establishment, corner Thirteenth and F streets, were smashed.

street and New York avenue is taken half a square is said not to have been great. Gibson's printing office and the contents thereof

were considerably damaged by water, the building being unroofed. At Young's, No. 736 Seventh street, the front the rain beating in. blew in, exposing a quantity of silks, &c., the

damage to the same being given by Lieutenant

knocked off by the lightning.

At 1304 F street northwest, Mrs. Margaret But- time rose as high as the seats of the Metropolitan ler's, the windows on the third floor front were Railroad cars. The travel on this route was enblown in and the floors flooded with water, running | tirely stopped for some time. was buried in the debris and severely injured.

south side of F street, between Thirteenth and | church. Fourteenth streets northwest. AT POLICE HEADQUARTERS

re very lively during the entire storm sion on all of the numerous police and fire-alarm | side of the Avertue. telegraph wires teading into that building. In the | The residence of John A. Baker, on Indiana fire-alarm room flashes lluminated the room con- avenue, was struck by lightning and the roof was extinguished with slight damage and the excitestantly. In the telephone room below the incom- torn off. ing electric fluid played lively tunes on the The large tree, two feet in diameter, corner of wires, the snapping and snorting being very | Four-and-a-half and C streets, was snapped off | Fand First streets, was flooded, and the men driven interesting for the operators, who, for safety's sake, like a sapling just above the ground. found quarters in other parts of the building dur- | The Chauncey building, on Four-and-a-half . ing the progress of the storm. The wires, however, did not suffer much, and in ten minutes opposite side of the street. after the elements had quieted down they were working as good as ever. Mr. Noyes, who looks unroofed and flooded. after the interests of the fire-alarm telegraph wires, expected that he would be broken | the Pension-Office into curious shapes. up entirely by the storm, and was surprised upon making examinations afterward to discover that | Four-and-a-half street, was blown in. the wires were not injured in the slightest.

THE STORM AT FORDS' OPERA-HOUSE. During the early part of the commer cement exercises at the Opera-House the storm, which had been gathering, burst forth in terrifle fury. The D street, was unroofed and the side forced in. ing. Before the windows on the D street front berths. atre in torients. Confusion and terror pre- school building was blown down and now hangs valled for a few moments. Ladies screamed over the side. The Wallach school building, and fainted, and young maidens clung Eighth street and Pennsylvania avenue southeast, to their escorts more closely than usual so was unrecfed and the corner stove in.

THE CITY UNROOFED. early in the evening. A panic was imminent, and serious injury might have resulted to many, had not Brother Tobias given the signal to the orchestra to commence their music. This had the desired effect, and soon the performance again went on smoothly. Save a few new bonnets ruined and a good scare the ladies escaped injury. Several persons, however, were cut about the face and neck by the breaking of one of the windows in the balcony.

THE STORM AT DRIVER'S. "Well, sir," said George Driver, when the first drip from the sluice gates spattered down last night, "there'll be no business this evening. Summer-garden investments have been played for about all they're worth."

George was about right. Hardly had his words ceased to echo through the marble halls when pieces" dashing in from the garden bearing a "Flip!" and the base drum and "Reminiscnees of shape of the cornet player who parts his hair in resuscitated by sunrise.

FHIST STREET AND NEW JERSEY AVENUE. M. R. Woodward, 727 First street northwest, roof and rafters completely off; house flooded. Mrs. Wise, 725 First street northwest, roof off and wall partly down.

Grocery-store and dwelling corner of Second and Massachusetts avenue, roof off and house flooded. had the courage even to stand at their windows the navy-yard, broke her istenings and drifted House 103 K street northwest, roof off. streets, completely demolished. Woman and

small child barely escaped. Four houses on New Jersey avenue, between L and M, unroofed. C. F. Thomson's, New Jersey avenue, between I

Ex-Mayor Emery's house, 207 I street, General Grant's old house, unroofed. M. M. Rohrer, 200 I street, chimneys and walls blown down and roof loosened. House on H street east, between Sixth and Sev

Twenty-one shade trees between First and Seventh streets were counted blown down. The gas in the houses in the northwestern part

of the city went out,

K STREET AND VICINITY. The metal roofing of the K Street Market was relied up for some twenty or thirty feet. The roof of the three-story brick residence of

dows and securing them, the lonely attache who was on duty in that department fumbled completely our and the roof itself left suspended as to prevent its further escape, and just as he The roof of No. 1009 K street was also blown off, had succeeded in turning off the gas the windows and carried, with rafters and sheathing, clear across

The basement of Mrs. Dr. Edson's residence, 1308 wind. A friend had fortunately entered, and I street, was flooded to the depth of several feet by while the scribe held one window fast he pressed | the stopping up of the sewer; and No. 1312, a few the visitor into service to do the same by the other. doors west, lost its roof, and was flooded from top

The upper-story of the house on the southwest corner of New York avenue and Twelfth street outside during the extreme severity of the was nearly demolished, the roof and several feet The roof was blown from a large house on M

frightening nearly every compositor out | The beautiful shade trees at the intersection of of his wits. They all wanted to go and get a drink | Fourteenth street and Massachusetts avenue were | between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, the roofs of | softly, "Do you really think | did?" to help brace them up, but Bloomer said they had almost completely destroyed, especially those in six houses on the north side adjoining Mrs. Dahl-

blown across and landed in the yard of the house on the northwest corner. On O street northwest, between Twelfth and away at the patent fastening, which is never good | Thirteenth, the large brick building on the north | and lay across the telegraph wires, as if it had been | street; C. Thatcher, 1413 | street; Joseph ning played about his ruddy locks, making were not only made roofless, but a portion of the lutely impassable by the fallen roofs, the shat- was completely dismant,

> WESTERN PART OF THE CITY. The walls of a house in course of erection at the down. corner of New Hampshire avenue and L street

Two houses on the corner of Twenty-second sewer. The storm was very severe in the extreme

northwest of the city. The house of Dr. A. P. Far- tions in the District. don, near Dupont Circle, had the roof blown off and the brick cornice badly damaged; it was also badly flooded. His brick stable adjoining was | fire-alarm wires and poles were blown down. badly damaged. In same neighborhood the stable roof of Mr.

Daish was blown off. The house of Mr. St. Clair, corner of Q and Nineteenth, badly damaged. Several of the walls of the new houses in course

of erection near by were more or less damaged. The destruction of trees about the Sixteenth along the whole line of K street. Many of the gotten scene. The car was compelled to stop and large trees on the hills north of the city were DAMAGE TO THE TREES.

The devastating effects of the storm was seen in orrent of water, like a mighty river, was rushing | more had lowered its leafy head to the pavement | and tore out one side. The roof was carried away,

down Ninth street into F, filling the barber-shop and lay a wreck. Some of the trees under the drug store on the southwest corner to were torn entirely from the roots, and the ceiling, and driving all the occupants of the hurled across the street. In the square fronting basements on the south side of F street, from THE REPUBLICAN office an entire row of trees was blown down, and the destruction among these beautiful ornaments in other portions of pieces. There is hardly a square in the city that did not | the city was still greater. The small trees suffer in some way from the storm. In the central did not seem to suffer as much as part of the city, though the damage was not very | the large ones, and while they bent before the extensive in any particular place, there were nu- fury of the storm the others snapped and fell in and Pierce street. merous cases of small damages. The tin roofs of ruins. Portions of branches were thickly strewn the Masonic Temple, the Spencerian College, the over the streets, and these wrecks were perhaps Georgetown Medical College, Schneider's building | the most melancholy vestages of the great tornado. on Pennsylvania avenue, near Eleventh street, A very pertinent suggestion, or rather comment, and P streets. was made in this particular, and that The roof from Masonic Temple landed in a was the trees should be kept more closely dining-room on the south side of F street, tearing | trimmed until they had secured a firm rooting in the front out of the same and stirring things up the ground. As it is now many of them are topheavy and fall an easy victim to the first hard wind. a shock. The plate glass window at Harvey's, Seventh | A large tree on the right entrance to the Presi-

The roof of the Academy of the Holy Cross, on Massachusetts avenue, between Thirteenth and The roof of a building at the corner of Twelfth | Fourteenth streets, was ripped up, but the damage | thoroughly drenched. It is stated that a number of panes of the thick

glass in the roof of the Treasury Department building were shattered by the hail, and that much damage was done to the Government records by

THE ISLAND DEPOT. The Baltimore and Potomac depot was surrounded with about five feet of water. The pas-Gunnip, Day & Co. suffered considerably by the sengers for the Virginia train were ferried across water getting into their stock of cottons and linens to the depot door and the train was delayed. The Ninth street cars were stopped and The entire front of Walter's coach shop and the hotel 'busses waited on the Avenue occupied by Mr. T. J. Gardner and Mr. West, were blacksmith shop on D, between Thirteenth-and-a- for their passengers. The depot looked like an torn off. half and Fourteenth streets, was blown in, and | island, and the volunteer boatmen did a thriving | The roof was taken off of the row of houses on the rail around the Pension-Office building was business. The water extended along B street from | Columbia street, and also of the house 1704 New Pour-and-a-half to Seventh street, and at one Jersey avenue.

down the stairways like a cataract. A partition | The roof on two houses on C street was carried on the same floor was blown completely down, and off and thrown against the front of the Metrothe mother of the lady of the house, Mrs. Sullivan, | politan Church, smashing in the lower windows | Q streets, were dismantled of the roof, and considand the front door. They broke the lamp and de-Several chimneys were blown down on the molished the corner of the fence around the

The cellar of Beall & Baker, the grocers, on the water came down through the lower stories. Avenue, near Sixth street, was flooded, and considerable damage was done. Perhaps this firm suf-The shocks of electricity came in in rapid succes- fered a greater loss than any of those on the south | burst in all the windows, and, to increase the con-

street, was unroofed, and the roof carried to the

The Hillman House, on North Capitol street, was The lightning twisted the iron railing on top of The gable-end of Bradley's Law building.

The rectory in the rear of Trinity Church, occupied by Rev. Dr. Addison, was unroofed, but no further damage was done. The residence of Mr. McDonald, on First, above

akylight on the north side of the roof was torn off, No. 3 engine house on Capitol Hill was unroofed and soon the rain made its way through the ceil- and flooded, driving the men out of their sleepingcould be closed the rain poured into the the- | The tower on the south side of the Franklin

Severity of the Gale-Churches, Houses, and Trees Thrown to the Ground-How the Steeples

The storm that visited Washington last evening was something unprecedented in this region. It might possibly have been equaled by some of the tornadoes they have in the West, but "Flip!" "Boom!" Bang?" came one of his "master- like it before. An hour or so previous there keepers. Considerable analety was manifested in pieces" dashing in from the garden bearing a trombone, drenched to the skin. "Bang!" "Boom!" The atmosphere seemed full of electricity, and the light shimmered and shone in vivid and varying the War" followed. The "Blue Danube" in the | flashes. All this, however, was but a prelude to what was about to follow. While the people were that she might have been caught in the storm. the centre, followed next, and Driver was, to use a watching from their open windows and favorite expression, completely paralyzed. It was doorways the brilliant corruscations of light, a bad lookout for him, as a representative of the suddenly and without premonition a storm business elements of the city, and he acknowl- of unprecedented fury swept over the city, carrying edged it by going gracefully off into a swoon. He destruction before it. It was such a storm as could was placed on ice, with a fair prospect of being not be seen. It was a roar of wind, a blinding gust of rain, a tempest of bail-stones, a blind rush

Suffered-Wrecks on All the

Streets and Avenues.

of the elements on a reckless errand of destruction. The lightning blazed in a continuous flame, while the thunder followed each discharge of electricity with the suddennesss of a hundred batteries of artillery. No one could face such a storm and see it. Few and look into the tempest and face the glare of the out into the stream, but wasoon secured. Small house on First street, between K and L lightning and the sharp crashes of thunder undaunted. Those who had momentary glimpses of it saw such a sight as is seldom witnessed. It seemed as though all the power of the elements the storm and hurled through the air like a the water. She took three children with and could only wait. Roses, roses, white roses, and K streets, unroofed. Roof blown nearly a catapult. It was a storm comet shooting through her, but in the her, but in the another everywhere, brought from many a beautiful Florthe atmosphere. But the storm was soon over, one fast asleep it and in half an hour the thunder rumbled off in was more than two hou before any one could thoughtful words of encouragement. Outside the the distance and people stepped out into the clear, enter the room again, as it was expected that broad Lung Arno, deadened with sand, that no hard to see, because lanterns have gone out of not reached the bed, and the child was found disturb the strange fashion and the street-lamps were not lit, of peacefully sleeping.

> On N street northwest, the storm did a lively business. One house on the north side, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth, was unroofed. On the next square there were a number of accidents. The house of Mrs. Judge Pascal was unroofed, as was also the vacant dwelling next door.

GENERAL WILLIAMSON, the ex-Commissioner of the Land Office, on N street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets northwest, had his house unroofed, and the water poured into the building, doing a large amount of damage. The General and Mrs. Williamson found friendly shelter with Judge MacArthur. The Judge himself was out trying to do what he could to aid his unfortunate neighbors. The house of General Palmer, on the south side

of N street, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, had some of the windows broken by the hall, on to explain that the old theories as to hours by rail from the centre of Tuscany. Swathed This square is blocked by tin roofs, stretching entirely across the street.

it being carried as far as Twelfih street, ON L STREET NORTHWEST,

gren's property, in one of which lives Dr. McDon- roofed; also T. J. Turner's, 27 M street; Mrs. | the sand, making a radiant picture, framed in by which was literally pouring through the leaky At Thirteenth and K streets the shade trees ald, of the Post-Office Department, were blown off. Prince's, 1335 L street; Mr. And ws', 1337 L street; the hills that shaped themselves into purple roof. Down stairs in the editorial room the rain were also almost entirely destroyed. They were Portions were carried across the street into the Mr. Sioussa's, 1225 L street; 1. Thhomas', 1107 masses; the glad sea air, filling the sails of each front yard of Colonel Hosmer's house; some were Massachusetts avenue; G. H. d J. E. Turton's Little bark that fluttered before the wind and carried into the parking of All Souls' (Unitarian) houses, 1607 and 1609 K stret Colonel Penne- bringing the red rose back to pale cheeks; pretty Church, and one roof doubled itself up like a sheet | baker's, 1415 N street; Holbert, 1407 N viilas, closed and

> and L streets had their basements flooded to a street and landed against the frame house op- houses on the west sid of Eighth allowed. The men, following the calling of saildepth of six feet by back water from Slash Run posite. The rain, which drenched the house, did street, between M and N. The bige of the Belt ors, are home but for a short time, and they walk which is one of the most extensive private collec-

near Third street, was unroofed. At the corner damage being upward of \$100. The south tower of Trinity Church, corner of roof was carried a great distance and pieces of longing to Mr. Samuel Stott, on G set, between then dons clean habiliments and proceeds in stone filled the air.

the Metropolitan Church, was struck by lightning. was made in the wall. The three-story brick house of John Major, on

Rakemand, K street, between Fourth and Fifth,

as was done some years ago. The roof of Odd-Fellows' Hall, on Seventh street, was tern off. The Faunce House, on First, between K and I

streets, occupied by Mr. Kearney, was blown to The roof on house 103 K street was torn off, and part of the roof of house on corner of First and K | Co., this city, found a small three-hundred-had

of the house next the southwest corner of Eighth of the safe, which was opened to-day, was next to the Hamline Church.

The residence of Dr. Adams, 1116 Seventh street. was struck by lightning, and the Doctor received The roof was stripped off of four houses on New

Mr. Prather's house, No. 907 M street, was denuded of its roof and rafters, and the interior The shoe store of Moran, on Seventh street, be

tween New Jersey avenue and L street, was unroofed. The Marble Saloon, corner of Ninth street and the Avenue, was flooded and closed; also the coffee house of Vogts, on the opposite side of the

Avenue. The residence of George W. Knox, 803 K street, was unroofed. On P street, between Thirteenth and Fourteenth street, the roofs of three houses were blown off.

The roofs of houses 1424 and 1426 Ninth street,

The roof of three houses on O, between Twelfth and Thirteenth streets, was torn off. The house owned by General Grant, 1213 O street. was uproofed.

Three houses on Seventh street, between P and

erable damage was incurred from the water. The roof of the dry goods store of Jacob E. Young 736 Seventh street, was lifted, and a quantity of At St. Peter's Church, Second and C streets southeast, an entertainment was in progress. The wind fusion, the gas was blown against the lace curtains of the altar and set them afire. The fire was

ment allayed. The Seventh Precinct Station-House, corner of out of their beds.

The large gilt cross surmounting the tower of St. Aloysius' Church was completely shattered and blown a considerable distance from its proper po-The wind raised the roof of the Baltimore and

Ohio depot on New Jersey avenue, and slid it easily off into the street. L. Smidt's restaurant, No. 470 K street, was un roofed and damaged to the extent of \$500. A small frame house at the corner of First street,

OTHER HOUSES UNROOFED in this vicinity were Turkish bath-rooms, E, between Fifth and Sixth streets northwest; Stephen Talty's, Second street and Massachusett's avenue; Murphy's blacksmith-shop, near Massachusetts avenue and Third street; W. W. Daniels', at the corner of D and First streets; Dennis Quill's, 42 G street; James O'Connor, & Q street; Elizabeth Collins, 105 D street, forniture

MORE OF THE DAMAGE | making her total loss \$1,000; Mrs. John | Wise, 725 First, roof off and house flooded; damage \$800; Mr. Samuel Norment's residence, No. 1013 M street, was unroofed and damaged considerably, as PLACES RUINED BY THE STORM. was Moran's shoe store, No. 1022 Seventh street, and Paymaster Vedder's, U.S. N., No. 1111 Massa-

chusetts avenue. The train on the Baltimore and Ohio Road due here at 9:45 ran off the track at Seneca Falls, on the Metropolitan Branch, owing to a wash-out. One woman was injured by the breaking of the glass in one of the car windows. The train was delayed about three-quarers of an hour.

IN SOUTH WISHINGTON the damage was trifling, at the storm had spent its fury when this locality was reached. Numerous trees were blown down, however, and cellars certainly Washington never experienced anything | flooded, which will prove troublesome to houseregard to the steamers plying on the river, and as

THE CORCRAN

She reached her wharf stely at midnight, and the passengers were amazed b learn that such a storm had raged, as they had lot seen a drop of rain going or coming, and the wind was not at all

The steamers Arrowsmin and Excelsior were safely moored at their warves when the storm began, and were not injure in the least. As far as heard from, no craft ALONG THE RIER-FRONT,

from Georgetown to the astern Branch, experienced any of the violence of the storm. While the storm was at its height the Dispatch, lying at own dock until the storm vs over. INCIDENTS OF ME STORM.

course. Among the damages the shade trees of the

with this terrible rm?" The young nounced a necessity. So man, who had evidently tmbed the books of asin course of erection for Mr. L. Spanier, was blown head drooped and for a ment was lost to view familiar name of Hotel de New York, and kept by with the Faber No. 2 image 1 that he heard a on her handsome face, and who gave a welcome

John W. Semmes, house, 9 M street, was un-

Eighteenth and Nineteenth, were -oofed and and the foundations washed at in several places, Along L stre the storm.

was torn off and blown into the canal. The Huron's Safe Found.

Norfolk, VA., June 27.-Last bek Eugene Whitney, a submarine divergnnected with the wrecking firm of James To & streets. Also house corner of New Jersey avenue safe in an after cabin of the Wh of the United States steamer Ht. The two new houses corner of Sixth and Q streets | which foundered on the coast of Kitty Ha was damaged by water, and the roof was torn off North Carolina, in November, 1878. The conti

> one of the officers, and not the paymaster. The "Ecoublican " Comet. This now familiar visitor poked his head into view so soon as the storm had passed last night, and flirted his tail in the sky, utterly regardless of the damage that had just been done. By the way his caudal appendage grows longer and larger each night, and if he stays with us much longer he may show as broad and expansive a tail as did the great comet of 1858, which swept the heavens like a broom. The RE-PUBLICAN discovery has proved to be a first-class article of comets and fully up to the high standard

of all work done at this office. The Mahone Movement in Louisiana. NEW ORLEANS, June 27.—The Beattie Republican State Central Committee has adopted | Conkident Garfield. The artist had given the resolutions indorsing the Virginia movement as to story of encounter—war-to-the-knife policy a free vote and fair count, with the pledge against and so vely told them that it was a battle of proscription for opinion, expressing the hope that a similar movement may arise in Louisiana and was forg hunderbolts for National Committee, and President Garfield to extend to the Virginia movement every aid, countenance, or co-operation in their power.

Bad for the Cornell Crew. London, June 27 .- The Cornell crew | dent of the La States (this humiliates me), or

time, 21m. 58s. Rehind the Times, as Usual, MACON, GA., June 27 .- A large comet was discovered about dark last evening in the between G and H, was completely destroyed by a northwest about 30° above the horizon. Its course heavy roof from an adjoining house being forced is downward to the horizon 20 westward.

> A Boss on the Comet. ALBANY, June 27.-Professor Boss, of the Dudley Observatory, is satisfied that the great comet now visible is Gould's comet.

Commodore Jeffers, late chief of the Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department, left last night for New York, and will sail on Wednesday for Europe.

## AN ITALIAN SEASIDE.

THE BANKS OF THE MEDITERRANEAN.

From Sickness to Robust Health at an Ideal Retreat-The Golden Sea-Italian Peasantry-" Puck" in Italy-San Antonio's Day.

Foreign Correspondence of THE REPUBLICAN. VIAREGGIO, ITALY, June 14 .- A fortnight ago, after weeks of sickness and sorrow, we hurried from Florence feeling we had at last gotten away from something like a pestilence, two of the family having been victims of typhoid fever in its most malignant form, the result of defective drainage in a house which we had occupied for many was known to have an expresion of members of months. It seemed an age of suffering, and day Pentalpha Lodge on board, fears were entertained by day throughout the long period skillful physicians and watchful nurses waged a fierce sisters. All the consoling sympathy of devoted friends was offered to the stricken household: everything that science or experience could uggest was freely given. Ob, the long twenty-four hours that made the compass of the day and night! The lonely, dark hours, when daylight seemed never to come, and when the dawn found

the sufferers prostrate and RAVING IN DELIRIUM! Near by the bells of a monastery commenced theirslow ringing in the cold gray dawn of arly morning; they tolled like the knell of every departing hope. The mist came up from the Arno, shrouding the banks and making the river look The Jane Mosely, with 25 passengers, laid in her like Styx of old, and only the dread ferryman waiting for the fleeting souls. Oh, those sad days, that seemed to stretch to the crack of doom! Then A colored woman named firs. Thomas, living at the terrible hours when the crisis was come; when, had been gathered in the grasp of 2023 L street, was driven et of the basement by like the disciples by the mount, we were helpless the bed, It entine garden with loving messages and tender, purified atmosphere to see the result. This was the child would be founded. The water had sound of carriage-wheel or prancing horses should

SILENCE OF THE SICK-ROOM, A fellow with breechesolled over his knees did only broken by the whispered counsel of the city, now at their fullest luxuriance, suffered a good business carryin people on his back at physicians in Italian and the questions of an old fifteen cents a head to thopera House and back garde malade who, for a quarter of a century, had During the storm the trasfer agent of the Wash- nursed sick travelers of sil nations. A near and ington and Georgetown Istroad, who is stationed close relative walked from one couch to the other at Seventh street and Persylvania avenue, became alarmed at the lightning and left the tree under which he had taken cept that these two beloved daughters were lying shelter to stand the middle of ill of a fever and that the day of He of Nazareth the street. As the down a reached him a lady was over more than eighteen hundred years ago, perfectly beside herself ith fright jumped from and that nothing but a miracle like that ordered the car, begged him for ransfer and then waded for Simon's wife's mother could lift them and through two feet of water reach another car. make them whole; then the glad surprise when As a Republican repentative was viewing some signs of reason began to slowly appear, the the wrecks he heard a duty little girl, who was | mind to connect ideas and objects; the first day leaning close to the mily form of the stalwart when the poor invalids could sit up for half an youth who was pointing the ravages, say, "Do hour was a real festa. Gradually the time came you think that awful diet had anything to do when a journey was no longer dangerous, but pro-VIAREGGIO BECAME AN OBJECTIVE POINT-

tronomy in some first-cls college, then went a little fishing village on the Mediterranean, three comets having any duence upon the in shawls and propped up by pillows, the patients The scaffolding on the building on N street, now got that far in his expantion his manly close by the beach in a little inn bearing the under the broad brim of helundown. The man | a buxom English landlady, wearing a cheery smile slight explosion, and he we his way whistling that a king might be glad of; the sea, one great sapphire, and the sun, sending his rays like a row of glittering diamonds down upon the water, and

WAITING FOR THEIR OWNERS. side was unroofed, and two lead-colored houses hung up to dry. This square was rendered abso Prather's house on M, nd Fourth street, the Italian gentry, who come later; the people, the roof poor and simple, like the fishermen of Calilee, tered trees, the scattered timbers from the cor- being torn off and the upper sk blown down, and following the calling of those from whom he nices, and the telegraph wires that had fallen In the vicinity of M and Eighth d Ninth streets chose His disciples; their houses principally the damage was considerable nong the suf- rough stone, and having exceedingly small begin-On M street northwest, between Twelfth and ferers being Mr. Coombs, 1304 1th street, Mr. mings; the fisherman's wives carrying down from Thirteenth, the handsome residence of Dr. Turner | Simms, 1232 Ninth street, Mi J. H. John- the steep mountains' side stone by stone, and comwas unroofed, the roof being carried across the son, 903 M street, and occurs of three mencing with one room and adding as prosperity great damage, especially to the Doctor's library, Line road, at the corner of Pourland K streets, like very monarchs about the streets, while their was washed away, necessitating stoppage of wives work like slaves to make the grand signore the ears. The window of Neal's de store, corner | noliday befitting his lordship, though when first Rev. Dr. Forrest's house, on Indiana avenue, of Seventh and N streets, was a shed in, the landing he does have to submit to rather an undignified process, He is marched by officious In the First Ward not much dame was done friends to the back yard, and every particle of beyond the blowing down of numers trees and | clothing taken off him, and placed in an immense Third and C streets, was blown down. The tin the unroofing of several houses. To houses be- earthen jar, containing ashes and hot water, He

A TRIUMPHAL PROCESSION The house of Mr. Augenstien, on C street, near otherwise damaged. A large tree was wn against through the back door to the waiting arms of his Colonel Totten in the Equity Court room, where he Sheets of flame burst from the latrobe stove, and Pennsylvania avenue, and crushed he side of pendent quarantine of her own; and the larger bricks and plaster from the wall were thrown upon | the house as though it were only pag An un- | the family the prouder she is, agreeing with Na-I street, near Fifth, was unroofed and the house | Nineteenth to Twenty-third cellars and the desperately poor, and deformed and misshapen were flooded, and the inhabitants drivetut into | children are as common here as in the Canton Vaud, Switzerland. No matter how small the the tower over the station-house, on Highreet, | finery the family possesses is placed, and where, as the women tell me, they pray for Jack at sea, that they may have many children (all boys-no girls wanted), and that they may be

LUCKY IN THE LOTTERY which government holds every week, and for which they always hold tickets, costing a few soldi. "Do you ever win?" I queried of one of these women who seemed the most well to do. "O, yes," she said; "I bought this house with a lottery ticket, and now I have won again." At which one of her neighbors said, a little bitterly, "Certainly; because she has money she draws British sovereigns, of various coinages, | money," bringing to my minda classical discus-The roof was taken off of the entire row of houses silver medals, Maltese cross shaped, ca sion that certain ancient worthies indulged in bearing on its obverse in a circ over the power of riches to attract riches and the "Fidelity, zeal, and obedience." In the centropower of misfortune to attract misfortune. In one U. S. N." The back of one is engraved; "Hentcontinuous line of more than a mile along the F. Emerson," and on the other "James Couch beach, and close to the water's edge, are built rude One heavy plain eighteen carat gold ringabins, called "campani," of pine branches and Jersey avenue, between L and N streets. In one and a silver coin of an uncertain date overed with dried marsh-grass, where people rehouse there was a corpse and in another sickness. This safe has been searched for with interest, as in ain nearly all day. Ours we rented for a few was thought to contain a large sum of money; but lines per month, with attendance of two bathas none was found, it is presumed it belonged to in thrown in. It was immediately christened illa del Americani," and a generous and patri-

friend donated sundry illuminated pages of ch, that GEM OF COMIC PAPERS, corate the walls. Their brilliant color and ge grouping of figures soon attracted the and they stood in open-mouthed wonder beft, striking display. There was Raffielo, A. Marianna, Bianca, and Stella, followed by merous and dirty progeny. Choosing a spiman, I was politely questioned as to the suls of these gorgeous pictures. It so happet hat your orator, Robert Ingersoll, in an expan shirt front, was the first cartoon. I explat that he was a heathen deity whom the Amens were falling down and worshiping just v. They accepted the statement

with e surprise. The next subject that

claim eirattention was a tableau, with Blaine, You seek that little mixed in my mythology, but the at ce would not have been satisfied with anyth short of classical interpretation, wife, and daughter, Postmaster-General James LONDON, June 27.—The collection on the river, as there has drawn the worst station on the river, as there is a sharp bend in the Henley course, and this is always conceded to make a very material difference in the chances of the crew holding the position which the Cornell has obtained.

A Victory for the Harvards.

New London, June 27.—The Harvard-Columbia four-mile straight-away race was rowed here to-day. The weather was cloudy and the water smooth. The start was made at 11:49; thirty-water smooth. The start has lost the representatives w

at a moment's no Last week a fisherman's bark, starting from horn, fully equipped with men, and a goodly h fish for market, was suddenly caught in a wool, capsized, and all but one man drowned with that desperate en-ergy of despair, clum, floating plank, and for thirteen hours was in buffeted by the waves;

ones, but they never come, and down in the ocean depths they lie with their white faces turned up THE PENSION OFFICE lepths they lie, with their white faces turned up

to Heaven, as if in supplication for those who will never see them more.

SABBATH WAS SAN ANTONIO'S DAY,

the patron saint of this village. The streets were thronged with gaily-dressed peasants, soldiers in bright uniform, officers with long, swaying plumes and clanking sabers; sailors in blue and white; women shuffling along in loose sandals and wearing brilliant colors. Out of the Duomo came a long procession, headed by priests in state and acolytes swinging incense before a full-sized image of the saint, standing upon a crimson velvet canopy. A band of music played Mozart's great arias, and as they passed the women took up the refrain in a plaintive minor key, and their many voices seemed like a tender moan of nature over the sorrows of mankind. As twilight deepened the torches lent a weird glow, the banners waving in the wind, tired little children, borne upon the shoulders of the strong, made it seem a picture of the Crusaders, who might be entering a Roman town footsore and weary, on their pattle with grim death to save the lives of two way to the Holy Land to plant their cross and standard in the home of the unbelievers.

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THE USUAL RESULT.

Another Ballot at Albany-A Debate and

au Adjournment. ALBANY, N. Y., June 27.-The joint convention to-day voted as follows for United States Senator to fill the place of Mr. Conkling: Senate-Potter, 3; Conkling, 5; Wheeler, 6; Cornell, 1; Lapham, 2; Hoskins, 1; Roach, 1. Assembly-Potter, 28; Conkling, 19; Wheeler, 26; Cornell, 1; Lapham, 6; Hoskins, 1; Crowley, 1. Combined vote-Potter, 31; Conkling, 24; Wheeler, 32: Cornell, 2; Lapham, 8; Hoskins, 2; Roach, 1; Crow-

Mr. Spinola, when his name was called, alluded claimed the vote was illegal, and said he would now east his vote under protest. The chair declared that no choice had been

The convention then proceeded to vote to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Platt, with the following result: Senate-Depew, 9; Kernan, 3; Platt, 5; Hoskins, 2. Assembly-Depew, 26; Kernan, 29; Platt, 16; Cornell, 4; Crowley, 5; Hoskins, 1; Lapham, 1. Combined vote-Depew, 35; Kernan, 32; Platt, 21; Cornell, 4; Crowley, 5;

Hoskins, 3; Lapham, 1. The chair announced no choice. Mr. Turck offered a resolution that the convention take four ballots at each session, at least until one United States Senator is elected. He sustained his motion by saying that the people expected the Legislature to elect these Senators, and it is charged that we are wasting time at an expense of from \$1,500 to \$2,000. He wanted to

Senator Madden asked if the gentleman had voted for the candidate who had receive the most

Mr. Turck could not get the floor to answer. Mr. M. C. Murphy moved to amend so that the resolution read that not less than four votes be taken

This was accepted. Mr. Niles moved a further amendment that the weather were exploded and just as he came in comfort and readily found an ideal retreat into caucus and settle their difficulties. [Laughmajority shall immediately after this session go The chair decided this amendment out of order.

Mr. Spinola took the floor and complained of ineffectual effort. He insisted that this question should be submitted to the people. These proceedings, he said, were a mere waste of money and time, and the people would next fall pass judgment upon them. The Democracy intended to carry the State next fall under any circumstances. Mr. Hayes moved an adjournment, which was carried, leaving Mr. Turck's resolutions unacted

There are no new developments in the senatorial dead-lock to-night, and there are less reports in circulation asto what is to be done on the morrow than usual. People seem disheartened. and they appear utterly devoid of both understanding and intelligence concerning the matter. Messrs, Conkling, Platt, and a number of their friends arrived on the 10:15 train, and were received by those here and in waiting for them. They immediately went into their rooms for con-

The Star-Route Cases. It has been rumored that "Colonel Bob " intends to say a word or two on the motion which was made in the star-route cases the other day; that is, in the Brady case. One of the representatives of The Republican, who could not understand how this could be, inasmuch as the motion, as made by Messrs. Totten and Wilson, was

the residence of Mr. Douglass No. 1702 wife. You see, every good woman has an inde- was present for the purpose of delivering an argu- of the old clerks who have worked on claims ment in the Hitz case, and made an inquiry as to the truth of the rumor. The Colonel said that he street and Dupont circles was very great; also two children who were sleeping in the room. They finished house on New Hampshire and poleon in his opinion of such things. The men had heard it, but that it had no relation were very much bruised. A large jagged opening M street, had the walls blot down are very handsome-looking, like the bandits one whatever to his client. He supposed, however, pictures; the women quite the reverse, even re- | that some others of Colonel Ingersoll's clients had from pulsively plain, but strictly virtuous. They are written to him to know why he had not made the same motion in their cases, and that he had concluded to do so; that that was the only way that he (Totten) could account for the report. He fur-In Georgetown the storm was severed did house, there is always an altar in the kitchen upon ther stated that they were through with the matlittle damage except felling trees. A Plon of which everything pretty in the way of color or | ter for the present, so far as General Brady was Paymaster Stevenson's Vindication.

The case of Paymaster Stevenson, against whom charges affecting his moral character and official methods were preferred pending his examination before a naval board for promotion. bids fair to be disposed of in a few days. The witnesses have all been examined, and yesterday Assistant Attorney-General Symonds, who represents the Government, made his closing argument before the board. Colonel Robert Ingersoll, on behalf of Paymaster Stevenson, will make the closing argument in the case to-day. The findings of the board will then be presented to Secretary Hunt. The friends of Paymaster Stevenson are quite confident that the prolonged investigation will result in his complete vindication. Several vacancies in the lower grades of the pay corps which have occurred since Paymaster Stevenson was ordered to examination for promotion must remain unfilled until his case is disposed of and an appointment has been made to the vacancy caused by his

The Cornelis Will Start. London, June 27.—The Standard says: As the time limited by the rules of the Hanley regatta for the lodging of objections has elapsed in

may be taken for granted that the Cornell crew CAPITAL JOTTINGS.

THE Government receipts yesterday were: From internal revenue, \$855,462,66; customs.

J. W. BLACKSHEAR has been appointed internal revenue storekeeper and gauger for the office." econd district of Georgia. SECRETARY KIRKWOOD has commenced

reparing the new edition of the Blue Book. It

will be issued about December 1 next.

DIRECTOR OF THE MINT BURCHARD left for New York and Philadelphia last night. During his absence he will visit the Assay Office in the former and the U.S. Mint in the latter city. YESTERDAY \$2,300,000 of five per cent. coupon bonds were received at the Treasury De-partment for conversion into three and a half per

resentatives, has been removed. A son of Mr. Murch, the Greenback Representative from Maine, has been appointed in his place. JUDGE TAYLOR, Edward L. Taylor, and Walter West, of Culpeper County, Virginia, and W.

N. Gordon, of Madison County, Virginia, are among the Readjusters' delegation in the city for the purpose of conferring with the President. thirteen hours was it buffeted by the waves, and although the acci occurred ten miles off, the sea, as if to make a ment, brought him here, and cast him upon the states of his own home. Husbands and fathers perit and more orphans are lation to the Transaction of Business in the Mints and Assay Offices of the United States." The principal feature in the revised edition is the increase of the melting charge from fifty cents on the crease of the melting charge from fifty cents of bands and fathers perit and more orphans are left to the cold charity is merciless world. It gave one a heavy heat see the poor women day after day walking ind down the beach waiting for their dead, whoping that the sea would at last be faithful ender up their leved

WORK OF THE NEW AND OLD CLERKS.

Interviews With a Chief of a Division and Several New Clerks on the the Statement Made by a New Clerk in Yesterday's "Republican."

Said a gentleman to a REPUBLICAN reporter yesterday, " I am one of the new clerks in the Pension Office, and I desire to say that the interview in The Republican does injustice to the division to which I have been assigned."

"What division are you in?" asked our plent-"I am in the Pennsylvania division, of which

Mr. Van Mater is chief. I am certain that I represent the sentiment of a large majority of the new clerks in his division when I say that nothing could be kinder, more courteous, and fairer than his treatment of the new men," "What are the duties of the new men?"

"When we first came in we were put in charge of an experienced clerk, whose duty it was to instruct us in the elementary duties of our positions. The gentleman selected for this trying task was Mr. A. E. Rowell. The selection was a most happy one, and is a proof of Mr. Van Mater's good judgment and fitness for his position. A good generalis known by the calibre of the men whom he selects to execute his orders. Mr. Rowell, besides being master of his work, could discount old Job himself in patience. It may be easily conceived that his position was calculated to severely try thislatter quality; yet he has been invariably kind, civil, courteous, and in no single instance can' he be fairly charged with having shown a dispoto the proceedings on Saturday, when it was sition to disparage the record of the new clerks. The same is true of Mr. Van Mater."

"How about those 'credits' complained of?" "So far from crediting old clerks with work done by new ones, he has ordered all cases which we had been found competent to handle to be impartially distributed between old and new clerks in the order in which they were reached in the files. In proof of his impartiality, I will give an illustration. There is a certain class of cases known as gunshot-wound cases. These cases are generally established by the record, and are easy to handle. The evidence is usually so conclusive that the case is complete without other evidence than that furnished by the War Department, and no briefing is necessary.'

"Why that appears to be easy work." "Yes; when a clerk gets one of these cases he calls it a 'snap,' because it improves his record without much effort on his part. It is of the same nature as a 'fat take' to a compositor and as have this convention do something that was eagerly sought after. Yet, although I am a new, clerk I had ten of these cases allotted to me last month, and they were all admitted and placed to my credit on the record. Further than this, it is a fact that old cases almost completed by examiners' who are no longer in the offices, have, by the process of distribution in vogue in our division, found their way to the desks of new clerks, and the evi-1 dence called for by old clerks being found among. the papers the cases have been admitted and the credit given to the new clerks. I have had two such cases myself. This certainly does not look like an organized conspiracy to damage the new men."

It is true that at first there was a considerable amount of jealousy among the old clerks at the the majority for holding the minority here in an high salaries of some of the new appointees, and there may have been a disposition to thwart their progress; but in no single instance has it ever been suspected that either Mr. Van Mater, the chief, or his lieutenant, Mr. Rowell, ever were parties to or sanctioned such an exhibition of bitter-

"Wasn't there any complaint at all?"

Meeting a chief of division in the Pension Office, THE REPUBLICAN asked him what he thought of the new clerk's statement in Monday morning's "All I have to say," said the indignant chief, is that the clerk who made the statement is a fool and a liar, and I can prove it."

WHAT A STALWART MISSOURIAN SATS.

A stalwart Missourian, one of the new clerks,

said: "The interview in THE REPUBLICAN does

gross injustice to the management of the office, effects wrongly upon chiefs of divisions, puts both the old and new clerks in a false light, and ought

to be contradicted."

"What do you want to say about it?" asked Tun REPUBLICAN. "Just this: If new clerks depended upon a 'record' which should compare with that of the old clerks, under no possible contingency could one of them retain his place so soon after his appointment. In most cases it requires months to secure the necessary evidence to complete a claim, and disposed of on the day that it was made, called on | the 'new appointee' who expected to make his 'record' in the two first months compare with that many months has yet much to learn before setting himself up as judge or to be interviewed."

"Well, then, the new appointee is full of great expectations?" "Yes, if any 'new appointer' expected to receive claims ready for briefing, to obtain the evidence for which the old clerks had worked for months, and that the 'new appointee' should receive credit for it and thus make his 'record' in preserence to the old clerk who had done the preliminary work necessary to advance the claim to such condition, then such 'new appointee's' ideas

of justice and fair play do not commend him." "Were the new appointees greenhorns?" "Necessarily so; but since the new appointments were made instructors have given them daily instructions and gradually carried them through all the routine duties of an examiner, with the especial view of preparing them for proficiency in their work and placing them at an early day where they might compete with the older clerks, none of whom, I am told, ever had such advantages

extended to them." "Tken a new clerk is not to depend on a record, comparatively speaking?" " It certainly was never expected that a new clerk should depend on a comparative record to retain his place July 1. The primal question was whether he evinced a practical readiness to comprehend the work and a capacity to perform it, and to this end every facility has been extended

by the management of the office." "Was Bentley opposed to the new clerks?" "I understand that it was the express directions of Mr. Bentley that the new appointees should be treated with the utmost courtesy by the chief and the old clerks, and every opportunity for becoming efficient afforded them, and I speak from personal knowledge and experience when I say that in my own division this has uniformly been done. the old clerks often stopping their own work and tersely and politely explaining any intricacy or novel peculiarity that might arise, and as far as this division is concerned the insinuation of a 'ring' being formed among the 'old clerks, including ! the chief,' is utterly groundless and simply born of the imagination of your trembling informer. I believe the same is true of the entire

A Terrible Tale of the Sea.

San Francisco, June 27 .- The steamer Newbern brings the crew of the schooner Eustache, from Mazatlan, and particulars of the killing of her captain and the firing of the vessel by a maniac cook. The cook, who had shown signs of dementia, suddenly stabbed the captain as he entered the cabin. He then ran into a closet where axes were kept. The crew closed the cabin doors. The cook walked about the cabin for several hours and threatened to fire the vessel. The crew got out the boats, and soon after some smoke began rising from the cabin, and the crew left for they kin omer and Dante better than things modern, noting a rap about the present President of the things dent of the things are about the present President of the things are about the present of the th maniac perishing in the explosion. The crew reached Mazatlan after a pull of sixty miles in a

It Is Going to the Sun. An approximate orbit of the comet has been computed by Mr. Upton, of the Signal Service, from the observations made at the Naval Observatory on the 23d, 24th, and 26th instants. The elements show marked agreement with those of the great comet of 1807, making it probable that the two comets are identical. The comet is about 27,000,000 miles from the earth, and rapidly receding from it. It is approaching the sun, the perihelion passage occurring about July 1,

No Pension for This Poor Fellow. WILMINGTON, DEL., June 27 .- A destitute man, supposed to be William Carter, of Newark, N. J., on his way to Washington to secure a pension, was killed on the Philadelphia, Wilmington and Baltimore Railroad here this morning. of the Mint, has just completed a revision of the He was terribly crushed. It is not known whether he was walking on the track or stealing a ride,

Base-Ball Games. At Detroit-Detroits, 8; Troys, 0. At Cleveland-Clevelands, 9; Bostons, 10. At Chicago-Chicagos, 19; Providence, 12, At New York-Metropolitans, 6; Athletics, 0,

At Albany-Albanys, 5; Atlantics, 1-six innings